ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಅವರು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ ವೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಗೇನಾದರೂ ಅವರು ಸಹಾ ಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆಪಟ್ಟು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up).

Grazing Fees.

Q.—405. Sri K. PRABHAKAR (Nelamangala—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there was a practice of collecting "grazing fees" from the people to make use of forest lands for grazing purposes ;

(*b*) whether it is now abolished and if so, when and on what Government Order ;

(*c*) the extent of loss of revenue to Government in this behalf ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes: As per G.O. No. A.B. 1322-33/Ft. 29-48-2. dated 30th August 1948.

(*c*) The loss of revenue during the current year computed on the basis of the average grazing fee realised during the five years preceding its abolition amounts to Rs. 23,715.

Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Alamgiri, Chintamani Taluk.

Q.—575. Sri M. C. ANJANEYA REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Venkataramanaswamy temple at Alamgiri in Kasaba Hobli of Chintamani taluk is a Muzrai temple and a famous place of pilgrimage ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that an estimate was prepared long ago to effect repairs to the tower and mahadwara ;

(*c*) if so, the cost of that estimate ;

(*d*) the reason for not taking up this work so far ;

(*e*) the extent of fund kept in deposit belonging to the temple ;

(*f*) whether they would take on hand the repairs early ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 15,000.

(*d*) For want of sufficient funds at the credit of the institution.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 876.

(*f*) Yes. The work will be taken up in consultation with the Muzrai Commissioner and the Director of Archæology as it is an ancient monument, provided the devotees evince interest by way of collecting public subscriptions besides the Government contribution for the purpose.

Tenancy Disputes pending in Tenancy Courts in Thirthahalli, Hosanagar, Sagar and Sorab Taluks.

Q.—662. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Sagar-Hosanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Tenancy disputes pending at present in the Amildars' (Tenancy) Courts of Thirthahalli, Hosnagar, Sagar and Sorab Taluks ;

(*b*) the number of disputes filed in these courts since the Tenancy Act came into force ;

(*c*) the number of disputes disposed of (Talukwar details to be furnished to all the above questions) ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*)

Name of Taluk.		*No. of cases*
Thirthahally	...	99
Hosanagar	...	57
Sagar	...	55
Sorab	...	51
Total	...	262

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(*b*)	Thirthahalli	...	581
	Hosanagar	...	308
	Sagar	...	144
	Sorab	...	115
	Total	...	1,148
(*c*)	Thirthahalli	...	482
	Hosanagar	...	251
	Sagar	...	89
	Sorab	...	64
	Total	...	886

Manner of putting Questions and Supplementaries.

MR. SPEAKER.—The manner of putting questions and supplementaries thereon has been coming up before the Assembly quite often. Some Hon'ble Members complain that they are not permitted to put a sufficient number of supplementaries on their questions, which, they contend, are of great public importance. Some other Hon'ble Members, on the other hand, complain that, by permitting a large number of supplementaries to be put on some questions, their own questions coming later in the list of questions for the day are not reached and they are thus deprived of a valuable opportunity of putting supplementaries. Any solution to this problem has to take note of both these points of view. Even a few days ago several Hon'ble Members raised this matter again and I then stated that I would make a statement on this subject, shortly.

That the practice of putting questions to Ministers and eliciting replies thereto is one of the more valuable rights possessed by Hon'ble Members admits of no doubt whatever. I cannot do better than refer to the following observations of Mr. Herbert Morrison to the House of Commons when he was Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons. He said :

> "To the uninstructed observer it might appear that this is matter of no great consequence, but that is not my view, nor, I am sure, the view of the House of Commons. Anything which touches questions, however important or unimportant their relationship may be, anything which touches this British Parliamentary institution of questioning Ministers day by day, is bound to be a matter of vital importance to the House of Commons. Parliamentary questions have had a comparatively short history relative to the life of Parliament. In just over 100 years, they have developed into one of the most valuable and characteristic of our Parliamentary institution . . . . the right to put questions to Ministers is one of the most important rights possessed by members, and it has become a very effective method of exercising the historic function of Parliament in relation to the executive. Indeed, question time exemplifies that close day-to-day relationship between Ministers and Legislature which is one of the main sources of strength of our Constitution. If any Minister is ever in danger of forgetting that Parliament is his master, ... Question time is a sharp and healthy reminder to him of his responsibility to Parliament."

I have quoted at some length from an authoritative source just to indicate how valuable is the right to put questions and elicit answers in the form of Parliamentary Government which we have adopted. It is because I realise the importance of Question time that I have been striving to secure to Hon'ble Members the maximum benefits to be derived by a proper use of Question hour.

At the same time, I have to remind Hon'ble Members that this right to put questions and elicit answers is one that is available to every Hon'ble Member of the House and no single member can claim his right to the exclusion of other members. In order therefore to balance the conflicting claims of an Hon'ble Member who wants to put a